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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Entry of the following amendment prior to the first Official Action on the merits is respectfully requested:

In the claims:

In claim 1, line 10, please change "open the opening element" to – open the sealing part –.

REMARKS

Consideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Claims 1 to 17 are pending in the application. The present amendment is made to clarify the invention.

Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance, and such